

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 460
By Fraley

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Judge David Marlowe and Dwight Hawkersmith for their outstanding contributions to Juvenile Court Justice and to Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Judge David Marlowe and the Juvenile Court of Franklin County, Tennessee, piloted the first Juvenile Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) project in the state; and

WHEREAS, Judge David Marlowe, Juvenile Court Judge of Franklin County, Tennessee, and his Court Administrator, M. Dwight Hawkersmith, working to make the CIT project a success, spent additional, unexpected time, in developing an independent "Three-Phase Truancy Prevention" program to act as an overlay or complement to the (CIT) project; and

WHEREAS, their "Three-Phase Truancy Prevention" program contributes to the viability and success of the state initiative in dealing with problems affecting needy families and children in the home at early intervention stages; and

WHEREAS, their "Three-Phase Truancy Prevention" program contributes to the viability and success of the (CIT) project by filtering cases for referral in such a manner that the most efficient use of CIT personnel is implemented and the level of bureaucracy is kept to a minimum; and

WHEREAS, their "Three-Phase Truancy Prevention" program demonstrates the potential for re-capturing millions of federal dollars for the county and state, otherwise lost due

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to absenteeism, by insuring children stay in school a greater number of days per year; the program also ensures that any truancy problems or other needs are promptly handled early with the “one-on one” active involvement of the parents; and

WHEREAS, their “Three-Phase Truancy Prevention” program fosters better understanding among educators, students and families through inter-agency cooperation, thus, improving the image of justice in the community and promoting efficiency in government operations; and

WHEREAS, the “Three-Phase Truancy Prevention” program promotes the interests of the state and saves enormous tax dollars by reducing the number of children otherwise coming into state custody; at the same time, the program ensures that help and services are received by those in need; and

WHEREAS, Judge David Marlowe and Dwight Hawkersmith have contributed to the state significantly by sharing their program and experiences with CIT with other counties of this state, thus improving the state’s juvenile justice initiatives; the end result being is that their model is being copied in other areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, we are indeed fortunate to have citizens such as Judge David Marlowe and Dwight Hawkersmith who go beyond their normal duties and who serve as examples to us in Tennessee, they are truly individuals who have a goal and who strive to reach it, individuals who give their time and talents for the benefit of others, and who look for additional ways to improve their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and recognize Judge David Marlowe and Dwight Hawkersmith for their contributions to the area of Juvenile Court Justice and Education in the state of Tennessee and commend them for their selfless efforts in helping others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be presented to Judge David Marlowe and Dwight Hawkersmith with this clause omitted from such copies.